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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL</u></p> <p>Subject born at Valjevo, Serbia, Yugoslavia, 9/24/26. Has been assigned as Vice Consul at Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco since its opening in May 1950. He is alleged to be a Yugoslav Communist possibly detailed to watch Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC, who has stated he has never been a Communist although he claims influence with political leaders in Belgrade. Duties of VITOROVIC said to be mainly clerical and he has been in a low salary grade as compared with IVANCEVIC. VITOROVIC has made a number of trips of short duration in the past year to Denver and Los Angeles where he made a few contacts. Outside of such Consulate jobs as tracing estates of deceased Yugoslavs, his interest reportedly lies in creating pro-TITO sentiment in the Western Yugoslav colonies. He has attempted to retard criticism of TITO. No indication received that subject interested in matters other than those of political or propaganda nature.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>All informants designated by T-symbols in this report, are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL</u></p>			
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The Yugoslav Embassy filed a foreign officials status notification form for MIODRAO VITOROVIC on June 9, 1950. He was born at Valjevo, Serbia, Yugoslavia on September 24, 1926 and entered the United States as a Yugoslav Government employee at New York on March 4, 1950. VITOROVIC was single and was assigned as Vice Consul at the San Francisco Yugoslav Consulate on May 4, 1950. VITOROVIC's previous employment was listed as with the Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Belgrade. VITOROVIC came to San Francisco with the opening of the Consulate and has been employed there since that time.

PERSONAL LIFE

After living at hotels during the first period of his stay in San Francisco, the subject moved into the home of Consul SINISA KOSUTIC at 355 Pacheco Street, San Francisco. (T-3, 4/20/51). Subsequently KOSUTIC moved to a home at 290 Magellan Street, San Francisco, and VITOROVIC went with him. San Francisco T-3 advised that at the present time VITOROVIC continues to reside at 290 Magellan Street.

Beginning in June 1951, VITOROVIC began having dates with a San Francisco nurse named MARY JANE GILLESPIE who resides at 529 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco. This relationship has continued up to the present time. San Francisco T-3 has indicated that GILLESPIE is in love with the subject but no disclosure of his feelings for the girl have been made to the informant. (T-3, 6/25/52). VITOROVIC requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on April 15, 1952, to transfer him back to Yugoslavia, which move he said he desired for personal reasons and also to enable him to continue his studies. He said he had been promised the transfer after two years in the field and wished to point out that two years had passed in March 1952. (T-1, 5/19/52). VITOROVIC suffered from a throat ailment and had an appointment to enter Mt. Zion Hospital at San Francisco to have his tonsils removed on October 1, 1952. (T-3, 9/25/52).

PERSONAL BELIEFS

VITOROVIC, in May 1950, told San Francisco T-4 that he was a Serb and he did not know why the Serbs in the United States were not supporting TITO. San Francisco T-5 expressed the belief that VITOROVIC

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was a Yugoslav Communist because it had been his experience that most young Yugoslavs entrusted with positions outside the country were ardent Communists. This informant drew upon the following to illustrate his point:

A San Francisco Yugoslav named VIDAKOVICH went to Yugoslavia on a visit and on his return to San Francisco began to talk about how bad conditions were in the Old Country. He received a message from his sister inside Yugoslavia advising him that he should say good things about the country and then shortly thereafter VITOROVIC got in touch with this man and told him to stop his derogatory remarks.

San Francisco T-1 said that in July 1950, VITOROVIC received a message from his father PETAR at Valjevo, wherein he said conditions inside Yugoslavia were very good and the socialization program was proceeding very well. Again in December 1950, VITOROVIC received a message from his family to the effect that he was to be proud of his position as representative of the socialist country which was then so far away from him. (T-1, 12/30/50).

In December 1950, San Francisco T-4 advised that he had been informed by Consul General RAPO IVANCEVIC to the effect that both his assistants, Consul SIMISA KOSUTIC and Vice Consul VITOROVIC were Communists but that he himself was not. He told SF T-4 further, that KOSUTIC had done a good job in working among the Communist group of Yugoslavs on the West Coast, influencing them to TITO and away from STALIN. IVANCEVIC did not mention to the informant that subject was active in this line at this time.

In one of his English lessons, VITOROVIC wrote on JACK LONDON, whom he praised as a realist, his heroes struggling permanently with capitalistic society. VITOROVIC claimed the book of LONDON's entitled "The Power of Life" was one of the most loved books in the library of V. I. LENIN. (T-1, 4/9/51).

In the spring of 1951, VITOROVIC told LUMILLA WETTER, a stenographer at the Consulate, that it was all right for the Yugoslav government to take goods and belongings from people who have worked and saved, since such wealth was usually secured illegally and it should be divided. (T-2)

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Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC told San Francisco T-6 in November 1952, that there were possibly one or two members of the Consulate staff that did not like him and who would not hesitate to hurt him but he was not worried about them because he had influence with the ruling classes in Yugoslavia. He stated how at Chicago the present regime had sent two commissars, a Macedonian and a Slovene, to control the actions and work of the Consul General there. As a result, they gave the man a very difficult time. IVANCEVIC said that he had never been a member of the Communist Party at Yugoslavia and although the Communist Party was the ruling political force, he did not expect any difficulties as far as he was concerned. IVANCEVIC did not mention any names as to who the persons on his staff were who did not like him but as mentioned above, he had told SF T-4 at an earlier time, that both of his assistants were Communists. SF T-6 gathered from the conversation of IVANCEVIC that he, like the Consul General in Chicago, had one or two commissars from the Yugoslav Communist Party on his staff.

CONSULATE TASKS OF MIODRAG VITOROVIC

San Francisco T-2 has advised that upon his arrival in the United States, VITOROVIC was handicapped by his lack of knowledge of English. In the beginning it was noted that he was directed in his activities by Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC. He was expressly ordered by IVANCEVIC to handle subscriptions to "Our" press in the United States. SF T-1 also advised that during the early months he observed VITOROVIC handling expense vouchers and the recording of payments for various administrative expenses. He also handled the issuing of such documents as visas and passports. SF T-3, in August 1950, advised that VITOROVIC went by air to Washington, D. C., on August 24, 1950 and returned on August 29, 1950. The purpose of the trip was for mail. VITOROVIC told IVANCEVIC upon his return that he had not seen the Ambassador but no important changes seemed contemplated.

In July 1950, SF T-1 said that the pay for VITOROVIC was then \$232.45 as compared to that of \$899.34 for IVANCEVIC.

In June 1950, IVANCEVIC asked the Yugoslav Government for a raise for VITOROVIC, who was said to be barely making out on his salary.

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IVANCEVIC said that VITOROVIC was too conscientious to ask for a raise but he really needed the money and besides he was such a good worker that he deserved a raise. (T-1, 9/8/50). In October 1950 VITOROVIC confessed to being confused on certain pay regulations and IVANCEVIC was of the opinion that the subject should go back to the Embassy and learn administrative details. (T-3, 10/14/50). SF T-3 also observed during this period, that VITOROVIC was entrusted with the decoding work which was done at the home of Consul General IVANCEVIC. (T-3, 10/20/50). During the spring of 1951, VITOROVIC continued as record keeper at the Consulate. He received a pay raise and as of the end of June he was receiving \$350.00 monthly. (T-3).

In August 1951, a seafaring man named ANTON RATKOVIC came to the Consulate looking for a document such as a passport. VITOROVIC was said to have told Consul KOSUTIC not to give this man a passport because he was "not so good" and was one of those who "followed the priests." KOSUTIC expressed the belief that this did not make RATKOVIC an enemy of the State and VITOROVIC agreed to give the man an extension of his travel permit which was all he wanted anyway. (T-3, 8/16/51).

In January 1952, a man whose name was phonetically given as VICTOR HUREN of Fresno, who claimed to be a Yugoslav citizen, whose passport had expired in 1939, desired a new passport in order to go to South America. MILOŠ BUCAR, of the Yugoslav Embassy told VITOROVIC that he had no objection to issuing the passport if HUREN was not openly against the Government and VITOROVIC said that this man was against the Government and did not desire to straighten out his present citizenship status. He was so abusive to the Consul General that the Consul General told VITOROVIC not to give out the passport. The Embassy official then agreed with the stand of the Consul General in San Francisco. (T-3, 1/10/52).

In January 1952, VITOROVIC told MILOŠ BUCAR of the Yugoslav Embassy, to do everything he could to block a favorable decision allowing the nephew of PETER DIVIZIC of Delano to come out of Yugoslavia. (T-3, 1/10/52) SF T-4 said that DIVIZIC, a rancher, was very anti-Communist and had openly criticized the TITO regime for imprisoning his nephew for attempting to escape from Yugoslavia.

VITOROVIC planned to go to Washington on May 8, 1952, the purpose of the trip not being specifically stated. (T-3, 5/6/52) On the

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return of VITOROVIC to San Francisco, Consul KOSUTIC noted that VITOROVIC had received certain instructions from the Embassy which were discussed at a work meeting on May 14, 1952. The instructions concerned the adequate planning of the division of work among the colonies as well as the proper reporting thereon. Political reports were also desired and penetration of the various branches of the Croatian Fraternal Union was suggested. The importance of the Americans in this contact work was not to be overlooked. The success of the Chicago Consulate was cited as an example of how such work could be distributed in the proper fashion among the various men to get the best results. (T-1, 10/27/52)

MIRKO SARIC of the Yugoslav Embassy, wanted a San Francisco representative to come to Washington for the mail at the end of June 1952. (T-3, 6/28/52). Consul General IVANCEVIO sent VITOROVIC, who returned to San Francisco on July 4, 1952. (T-3, 7/4/52).

CONTACTS

VITOROVIC was put in contact with a man named EDWARD COSIC, 1416 Market Street, San Francisco, through a Yugoslav representative at Berne, Switzerland named TOLE KUTUREC. KUTUREC suggested to VITOROVIC that he might establish closer ties with COSIC for the benefit of Yugoslavia. It was suggested that VITOROVIC be tactful with COSIC, who was alleged to be of a poor background and who, in pre-war days in Yugoslavia, was passive and uninterested in political events. (T 1, 7/12/50).

On July 5, 1950 VITOROVIC contacted COSIC about a trip to Yugoslavia which was then contemplated by the sister of COSIC. (T-2, 7/5/50). On December 22, 1950, VITOROVIC went to Sacramento and visited a STEVE VICKERS, 921 16th Street, Sacramento, Hillcrest 5-6416. (T-1) The purpose of this trip was not disclosed. On March 1, 1951, VITOROVIC tried to contact EDWARD CHOSICH, identical with the COSIC mentioned above, residing at 24 Junior Terrace, San Francisco. (T-3, 3/1/51) VITOROVIC was invited to dinner at the CHOSICH home for May 21, 1951. The sister of this man had newly arrived from Yugoslavia and VITOROVIC told her she would like it in the United States. (T-3, 5/4/51)

San Francisco T-7 advised that VITOROVIC had called on a Serb named MARKO JURISICH (now deceased), and had urged him not to write things

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he had about Yugoslavia because the Consulate knew all about him. (MURISICH was a regular contributor to "Elobodna Rec", a Serbian language Communist line newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. SF T-7 expressed surprise that VITOROVIC had visited MURISICH, whom he regarded as a Cominform supporter. MURISICH told SF T-7 that VITOROVIC had said he was a countryman of his and had invited him to come to the Consulate and use the library there.

On February 11, 1952, VITOROVIC tried to contact EDWARD CHOSICH. (T-3, 2/11/52). VITOROVIC planned a trip to Utah, Colorado, Arizona and Southern California in March 1952. (T-3, 2/18/52) Before going to Denver, Consul KOSUTIC contacted ANTHONY FISHELICH, 2570 Quitman Street, Denver, asking him to aid VITOROVIC in meeting the Slovones, and he also asked the aid of MIKE POPOVICH, 44 Washington Street, Denver. (T-1, 3/4/52) Others asked by KOSUTIC to aid VITOROVIC were MATT LYONAR and ANTHONY JERSON. (T-1, 3/26/ and 3/24/52)

San Francisco T-8 advised that he understood that the primary purpose of VITOROVIC in coming to Denver was to contact PETE NOVAKOVIC regarding an estate left by a man by the name of VASCO CRUSCKOVICH who had left \$400,000 to build a hospital at a town of RISAN, Yugoslavia. VITOROVIC was also interested in deceased Yugoslavians who might have heirs in Yugoslavia. VITOROVIC was in Denver on March 17, 1952 and Consul KOSUTIC instructed him to submit a report on what he had done there. (T-3, 3/17/52.

EARL OSTER, 12057 Hoffman Street, North Hollywood, sent VITOROVIC six months of issues of the magazine published by the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers which was said by OSTER to be the most comprehensive and informative literature on technical subjects in the motion picture and television industries. (T-3, 3/28/52)

In January 1952, VITOROVIC had been noted as attempting to secure a magazine dealing with the problems of the production of motion pictures. He desired copies of the "Motion Picture Daily" and the "Motion Picture Herald" which he found were sold to the trade only. (T-3, 1/4/52) SF T-1 said that the magazines were desired for Mrs. SIMISA KOSUTIC whose uncle appeared to be in the Yugoslav motion picture industry. On March 27, 1952, VITOROVIC tried to contact UGO UBOJIC, who is connected with the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge No. 61, in San

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Francisco and UBOJICIC agreed to discuss "the matter" further at a meeting to be held at the San Francisco Yugoslav Sokol Hall the following Saturday. The subject matter was not further revealed. (T-2, 3/27/52)

In the latter part of March 1952, VITOROVIC was in Los Angeles under instructions of Consul General IVANCEVIC to see H. A. HUICK to find out the connection that a Mrs. BARBARA BALIO had with the ANDREW ARTUKOVICH case. (T-3, 3/21/52) Mrs. BALIO, during this time, was trying to get a visa to go to Yugoslavia and was being denied by Consul General IVANCEVIC on the grounds that she had been a supporter of ARTUKOVICH who, at that time was being brought under extradition proceedings by the Yugoslav Government on charges of murder growing out of his position in the Ustashi Government in Croatia in World War II. (ARTUKOVICH has since been released by the U. S. Federal Court at Los Angeles on the grounds that the Extradition Treaty was no longer in effect.)

Also while in Los Angeles on March 19, 1952, VITOROVIC visited a person whom he described as "The Jew", probably a man whose name is JULIUS POLLOCK who operated a travel agency in Los Angeles, and had discussed with this man a reservation being made by their "Fat Friend" who wanted to go to Yugoslavia. The "Fat Friend" was believed by the source to be MARKO RADIC whose visa was also being withheld by IVANCEVIC on the same grounds as that of BARBARA BALIO, discussed above. (T-3) VITOROVIC told IVANCEVIC that he had discussed with the Los Angeles man that the "Friend" should realize his mistake and correct his actions and not try to bargain about getting his visa. (T-1, 3/28/52)

In April, IVANCEVIC instructed VITOROVIC to issue visas for both BALIO and RADIC. (T-3, 4/7/52) VITOROVIC intended to visit HATT SPOLER in San Francisco at the latter's shop on April 3, 1952. (T-3, 4/2/52) VITOROVIC made an appointment with EDWARD CHOSICH at the Consulate on April 19. (T-3, 4/18/52) SPOLER told VITOROVIC that he had a copy of the latest writing by LOUIS ADAMIC which he considered very good. (T-2, 5/16/52)

VITOROVIC planned to go to Los Angeles on June 12, 1952 and Consul KOSUTIC asked someone, not completely identified, but who was believed associated with H. A. HUICK in Los Angeles, to meet VITOROVIC in the Embassy Hotel on June 12, 1952. The main purpose of this trip was to go to Los Angeles to see the Yugoslav painter RDO MURTIC who allegedly

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was refusing to return to Yugoslavia because he wanted to stay in the United States. (T-3, 6/12/52) By June 13, 1952 VITOROVIC said that everything had been settled on a friendly basis with this painter and he was immediately returned to San Francisco (T-3, 6/13/52). In June 1952, VITOROVIC was inquiring as to the attitude of a man named PETER MATULOVIC of Oakland, toward the present Yugoslav Government. (T-3, 6/19/52) SF T-3 advised that MATULOVIC was then in Yugoslavia and had an appointment to see the "Old Man", (Possibly some government official) on the fourth. (T-3, 6/21/52) VITOROVIC planned a trip to Los Angeles on July 23 due to return on July 26, 1952. (T-3, 7/21/52)

EDWARD CHOSIC invited VITOROVIC to visit with his family at an early time. (T-3, 9/25/52) VITOROVIC planned a trip to Los Angeles via United Air Lines on October 20, 1952 and as of October 22, 1952 VITOROVIC was in Los Angeles and said that everything was going fine. He wanted the Consulate to send the documents belonging to Dr. UROS-STANBOK immediately and he expressed the belief that these documents should be considered as confidential. The man was waiting for these documents in order to get some kind of a job and Consul General IVANCEVIC reminded VITOROVIC to collect \$10.00 in fees due on these papers. VITOROVIC made the statement that he had already been "south of Los Angeles" and IVANCEVIC complimented him on the speedy fashion with which he finished his work. No further information was given as to VITOROVIC going south of Los Angeles. VITOROVIC expected to return to San Francisco on October 24, 1952. (T-3, 10/22/52)

While in San Diego on his Los Angeles trip in October, the following was observed:

Special Agent RUSH G. GLICK ascertained that the subject walked from the Greyhound Bus Station to 1922 First Avenue, which is a rooming house. He entered this address at 5:25 PM and departed at 5:30 PM, going back to the bus station. The above visit was the only item of significance during the time VITOROVIC was in San Diego. SA GLICK ascertained that a former Yugoslav Serbian Orthodox Priest named MIROMIR DUBAK formerly resided at 1922 First Avenue, San Diego, but had left the city and was last known to reside at 3719 West Imperial Highway, Englewood, California where he was seeking employment with the North American Aviation Corporation.

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On November 20, 1952, VIICROVIC expected to have lunch with
WILLIAM BLAZEVIICH of San Francisco. (BLAZEVIICH is connected with Lodge
No. 900 of the Croatian Fraternal Union.) (T-3, 11/17/52)

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